

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Michael GERLACH
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 For : METHOD FOR OPERATING A METERING
 VALVE AND DEVICE FOR PERFORMING
 THE METHOD
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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of November 13, 2009 (the three-month response date for which is February 16, 2010), please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Applicant respectfully provides payment of the additional claim fee for the ten (10) net added claims and three (3) net added independent claims in the accompanying transmittal.